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KARBASSIOON NAMED CHAIR

CHARLESTON, IL--Ebrahim Karbassioon has been named Chairman of the Department of Economics. A ten-year member of the Economics faculty, he succeeds the late Ahmad "Ed" Murad, who died unexpectedly last spring. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, where he was honored with the Award of Excellence in Teaching.

Karbassioon joined the Eastern faculty in 1980. He has taught a variety of subjects for the Department of Economics, ranging from the basic introductory to the graduate level courses and including specialized topics such as Famine in Africa and the Economics of Aging.

In addition to his teaching, he has published research articles and has served on more than 40 departmental, college and university-wide committees.

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Karbassioon

Karbassioon oversees a departmental staff of 18 full-time faculty, 20 graduate and over 180 undergraduate students majoring in economics.

The Department has initiated promotion of a scholarship that has been established in Dr. Murad's name. This fund will be used to finance the education of undergraduate economics majors.

The faculty of the Economics Department have a variety of interests and specializations. This diversity of expertise exposes students to the broad range of interesting and important economic topics and allows the faculty to keep each other up to date and in touch with current research on a number of issues and topics.

Away from the University, he enjoys coaching his son's soccer team. He and his wife have two sons: Rameen, 10, and Doniyal, 6.